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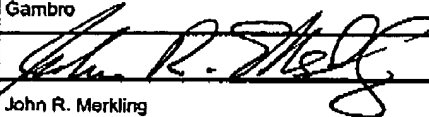
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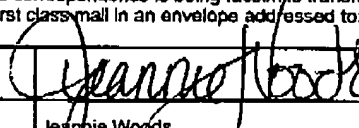
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Sirs,

This communication is in response to the Election Restriction mailed May 12, 2005.

Applicants provisionally elect Class I, claims 1-20, with traverse. Please note that there are no claims 24-26 in this case. The Restriction Requirement lists claims 24-26 in Class I on page 2 of the Requirement.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction and requests that the requirement be withdrawn. Examiner has stated that claim 21 (and dependent claims 22-23) includes a prompting step wherein the operator performs the prompting step. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Claim 21 includes the steps of "notifying an operator", "first prompting an operator", and "second prompting an operator". This language is similar to the language of claim 1, e.g., "prompting an operator". Claim 21 does not contain language implied by the restriction requirement such as "said operator prompting" as suggested by the Examiner's characterization that claim 21 requires that the operator performs the prompting step. The two sets of claims do not therefore, have

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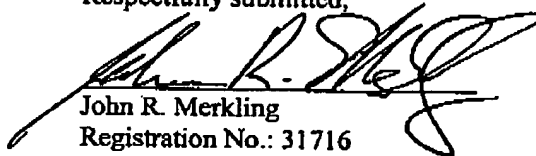
different modes of operation. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and request that the requirement be withdrawn.

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